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Exceeding Joyfull Newes FROM IRELAND.

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**A true Relation of a great and happy
Victorie, obtained by Colonell David Donglasse
and Sir James Carr, two Scottish Commanders,
with the helpe of the Scots planted in the
North of Ireland, against the Arch-Rebels
Philemy Oneale, the Earle of Del-
vin, and Sir Denis Butler.**

Where there was 6. or 7000 of the Rebels slaine up-
on the place, 4000 Armes taken from them,
and 4. Field-Pieces. Within 9. Irish myles of
Knockfergus, February, 16. 1641.

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Hough I can write nothing of mine owne personall knowledge as being there present. Yet the matter being such, as that the whole State and Councell here at Dublin is undoubtedlie informed of the truth and certainty of it, and publike thanks openly given in the Cathedrall Church of St. Patrick here in Dublin in that behalfe you may without scruple embrace it as for good so credible tydings : Victory hath not onely shined divers wayes lately upon the English Banner hereabouts, but God hath also granted a most successfull day to our friends and Brethren, the Scots in the Northerne parts, within 9. myles of the Towne called Knockfergus, on the 16. of February last betwixt 3. and 4. of the clocke in the afternoone, as we are here credibly enformed by divers Letters and messengers that are here arrived by Sea from those parts, which Victory was obtained under the conduct and command of two Scottish Commanders, Colonell Davie Douglas, and Sir James Carre Colonell, with the ayd and assistance of all the Scottish Inhabitants in those parts, which Scottish Victory very great and glorious, was occasioned as followeth.

The Arch-Rebels Philemy O'neale, the Earle of Derry, and Sir Denis Butler, having intelligence that great

ides and men, are with all speed making ready in
Scotland, under the Command of Generall Lasley, and
the other three Lords, Commissioners, to be transported
into that part of Ireland viz. the North where
their Country-men are already planted, thought it
their cheifest play to be aforhand, and to attempt the
the utter extirpation of the Scots: before any farther
strength would joyne with them from Scotland, being
assured, as well they might, that what good successe
wee for our parts might wish them in heart, yet be-
ing so incumbered by their felloves almost at Dublin
gates, we could affoord them little helpe by hinds, see-
ing our Supplyes with the Lord Lieutenant, are not
yet arriv'd out of England, heereupon these foresaid
Rebels to the number of 12. or 14. Thousand as well
armed for this Country, and for so great a number as
ever was seene in Ireland, drew directly into the North
to accomlisch their designe: the Scots for certaine
hearing of their coming, and that they were within 5.
and thirty Myles march of them, and that with so great
a Power, began at the right end, and considering the
danger so great and so eminent, Proclaimed a Fast,
and Generall Humiliation the next day, through out
all their Quartefs, and the next day after, vnder the
Command of the two Commanders aforesaid, Colo-
nel Duglas and Sr. James Carr, old Souldiers that ha-
served long in the Swedish Warre, they mustered all
their Infantrie, and Cavallarie, which consisted of 4.
or 5. Thousand Foote, and about Nine Hundred and
Fiftie Horse, some three Thousand Muskets, and a-
bout as many Pikes, and halfe-Pikes, their Horse-men
had their Swords and Lances, some 200. their Pistols
such

such as they were, and this was seen.
Councell, the chiefest of the Armes they had was their
Courages, (being the chiefest thing that did it) their
greatest number being armed with such things as their
Country would afforde, being Tooles rather then
Armes, and fitter to make tillage withall then to fight
a piteous Battell, as Pick-Axes, Forks, great long Clubs
Iron Bits, long Poles, but God saith *Salomon*, doth
not alwayes give the day unto the strongest and like-
liest Arme, as will appeare by the ensuing discourse,
the Scottish Colonels had sent out Spyes to see the
behaviour of the Irish Rebels, and by them had tidings
that their Horse, which they judged in number to be
about 14. Hundred, marched, and began to plunder
the Scottish Cabins, and drive away their Heards,
being aforeside in distance as they deemed, at least 2. Irish
Miles from the Grosse of their Foote, the Scottish
Commanders, o'd. Soldiers, were not a whit sorrow-
full to heare that Newes, hoping as it fell out, the
next day to take their Horse at that distance on the
morrow, and to entertaine them a part from the Re-
bels Infanterie, for by their owne report they feared
most the Irish Caval'erie, as being better Armed, and
more in number, whereupon *Duglas*, with Fifteece
Hundred of his best shot, and but Five Hundred Pikes,
clapped at three of the clocke in the morning, into a
Wood called the *Bower of St. Patricke*, without
Drum or any Warlike musical Instrument, coun-
celling *Sir James Carr* to keepe his station, and not
suffer the Enemie, to come to him if he pleased: not
to stirre a Foote to meeke him.

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About 8. in the morning Oneals Horse set forward
as cocke sure, and therefore carelesse of their Order,
and adyanced all along the brough of the Bower, even
within halfe a Mile of Carr, whom they espying to
stand still, and not to move, thinking he had beene
danted, forgetting how farre their owne Grosse was
behind, put Spurres to horse, and fiercely charged upon
him crying all is ours, all is ours, Carr soberly and sad-
ly received them, and made them stand, out came *Dug-
lis* iust behind them playing most furiously with his
shot, the Scottish horse though but weake and few, in
respect of them, seeing them thus coopt in, thinking
what was to be done, was to be done before their Foote
came neare, gave them a furious charge in the Flanke,
as *Duglis* did not omitt to doe his part in the Reare,
as Carr in their Vanne, the *Irish* thus seeing them-
selves hemm'd in and cast off their Foote, were uttely
quel'd in their courages, and casting about to retire, but
seeing no way, presently plundered in their Order,
and were immaidiately confounded, slaine and cast to
the ground, now drew on their Grosse of Infanterie,
who seeing the overthrow of their Horse, and the Scots
reunited into a maine Grosse againe, and in posture to
charge made a stand, which the Scottish Collonels
peerceiving, *Duglis* comanded *Andrew Steward* who
had the charge of the Horse, to passe over a shallow
Brooke, and under shelter of that wood called
the *Bower*, to round the Rebels, and upon signall given
to charge behinde.

When *Steward* was gone upon this command, *O-
neale* construing the Action in worser fense then it was
meant, beate a charge with his Drums, an shocked
Grosse.

Frome to Grouse, where was a hot and cruel fight
Fortune perceivable enclining to neither party; the
Scots behaved themselves very valourously, and it is
hard to say, whether the men were more active in per-
formance, then the women, of whom there were no
small number, in emboldening and crying upon them,
at last *Sterward* broke out of the Wood upon them in
the *Reare*, whoe unexpected charge breaking in upon
them that were slightest Armed, and expecting no hurt
from that end of the World so both amazed, disheart-
ned, and routed them, that they supposing that there
was some hot dreamt on power of foote as well as
horse behind them, betooke themselves to a plaine
flight, shifting here and there every man for himselfe,
casting downe their weapons, and abandoning their 4.
peeces of Artillery unto the dispose of the *Scots*, who
made no scruple of the leisure; here the *Irish*
were to sweare for the *Scots* not in onely standing to it,
but in flying from it, for the *Scots* followed faster then
they could flye, being as ably dispos'd in that point as
the *Irish*, in the battell and pursuite were slain between
16 and 17000. but no man of note as the State and
course are informed save Sir *Denis Butler*, Bastard
brother unto the Lord *Mount Garret*, who was shot
with a Musket through the right eye, there was suffi-
cient Armes, for betwixt 3. and 4000 men was there
left upon the ground, for those that would take it up,
which by Gods mercy happened to be the *Scots*, for
one especiall guift is observed among the *Irish*, if they
chance to loose the day, they love to goe as light away
as they can; the wing of this field I hope will so hum-
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ble the Rebels, that the State shall little feare to give
any other answer unto the peremptory Demands of
their associate Rebels, that by the meanes of a Letter
Were presented unto them, February 2. Signed with
the Seale of Armes of divers of the Rebels Lords, of
whom with their Impudent Demand, I have here sent
you a list, the State I say shall have little cause I hope
to answer any such Demands, save with Shot
and Powder, I trust that this great
verthrow hath passing well
cooled their fiery cru-
ell Spirits.

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